

City of Alexandria, Virginia
PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING & PUBLIC HEARING

Thursday, March 18, 2021
7p.m. - Zoom Virtual Meeting

P&RC Members:

Present: Gina Baum, Chair (District I); Stephen Beggs, Vice Chair (District II); Katy Matthews (District III); David Brennan (District III); Owen Chambers (student member); Alexandria Kelley (student member), Brian McPherson (District III); Barbara Marvin (District I); Stuart Fox (District I)

Absent: Dana Colarulli (District II)

RPCA Staff: James Spengler, Director; Tiffany Marbury, Executive Assistant; Margaret Orlando, Division Chief, Rec. Services; Jack Browand, Division Chief, Park Planning; Laura Durham, Division Chief, Rec. Services; Ana Vicinanzo, Urban Planner, Park Planning; Beth Znidersic, Principal Planner, Park Planning; Judy Lo, Principal Planner, Park Planning; Diane Ruggiero, Deputy Director, Office of the Arts.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Commission Chair, Gina Baum called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

III. PUBLIC HEARING: Carlyle Plaza II / Carlyle Park Towers Open Space Design

- a. Don Hoover, landscape architect with Oculus, gave a presentation on the open space design of Carlyle Plaza. The presentation can be found here:

https://www.alexandriava.gov/uploadedFiles/recreation/info/PRC_PublicHearing_Carlyle%20Park_3-18-2021.pdf

Public Comment: No public comment

ACTION: FY21.03.18.A

Motion: Stuart Fox motioned to close the public hearing. Steven Beggs seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

ACTION: FY21.03.18.B

Motion: Barbara Marvin entered a motion to provide a letter endorsing the Carlyle Open Space plan. Steven Beggs seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

IV. COMMISSION REPORTS (verbal reports by District)

DISTRICT I: Barbara Marvin, Gina Baum and Stuart Fox had nothing to report.

DISTRICT II: Dana Colarulli had nothing to report. Stephen Beggs reported that construction is coming along at the Potomac Yard Metro location. If you go to the website, you can see updates along with time-lapse videos. Web link here:

<https://www.alexandriava.gov/potomacyard/default.aspx?id=110766#:~:text=LOCATION%3A%20The%20Potomac%20Yard%20Metrorail,existing%20Blue%20and%20Yellow%20Lines>.

DISTRICT III: David Brennen had nothing to report. Katy Matthews reported that there will be a community meeting about the High School Project. The meeting is open to the public to watch virtually. She also discussed the 3 design concepts for the placement of the building and athletic fields. Brian McPherson reported that some youth sports registration numbers are down quite a bit. Due to the lockdown, kids are less interested in participating in sports and are more interested in video games.

V. ITEMS OF INFORMATION

b. **Staff Reports** – *Commissioner Questions*

Division updates (staff reports) posted at:

https://www.alexandriava.gov/uploadedFiles/recreation/info/PRCCCombinedReports_3_18_2021.pdf

Margaret Orlando updated Commission members on childcare plan. Based on a recent meeting, RPCA will have space at the following ACPS locations: Ferdinand T. Day School, Minnie Howard School, John Adams Elementary School, and George Washington Middle School. The space will be smaller than usual and there will be logistical challenges with Summer school in the building.

DISCUSSION ITEMS & ACTIONS

a. **Meeting Minutes:** February 18, 2021

Chair, Gina Baum, requested that approval of February minutes be postponed to the next Commission meeting.

b. **Eisenhower East SAP North Circle Park Update** – Don Hoover, Oculus

Don Hoover gave a presentation on the open space design of Carlyle Plaza. The presentation can be found here:

https://www.alexandriava.gov/uploadedFiles/recreation/info/PRC_NorthCirclePark_3_18_2021.pdf

c. **Landmark Mall SAP Open Space Update** – Jeff Farner, Planning & Zoning

Jeff Farner and Jack Browand gave a presentation on Landmark Mall SAP Open Space. The presentation can be found here:

https://www.alexandriava.gov/uploadedFiles/recreation/info/20210318_PRC_LandmarkFinal.pdf

d. Armistead L. Boothe Park Field Conversion – Beth Znidersic, Park Planning

Beth Znidersic gave a presentation on the Armistead Boothe Park Field Conversion. The presentation can be found here:

https://www.alexandriava.gov/uploadedFiles/recreation/info/PRC_Boothe_3_18_2021.pdf

VI. NEXT MEETING

April 15, 2021 – Virtual Zoom Meeting

VII. ADJOURNMENT

David Brennan moved, and **Steven Beggs** seconded a motion to adjourn at 9:37p.m. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

*Please note that meeting minutes are a summary of topics discussed during each Commission meeting. Meetings are video recorded in their entirety. Full video recording available here:

<https://www.alexandriava.gov/video/4924>